



HON. CHRIS STRASSHEIM.

The Well Known Merchant Who Is Strongly Backed for the County Treasurership.

The Republican nomination for County Treasurer is likely to go to Mr. Chris Strassheim, the popular wholesale grocer. His opponents fear him and say he does not want it, but Mr. Strassheim says there is no truth in the story that he is about to retire from the contest for the County Treasurership. He writes to say: "I desire to inform my friends and the public that I am a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Cook County, subject to the will of the Cook County Republican convention. I have withdrawn in favor of nobody and don't intend to, and expect to stay in the race to the end and use all honorable means to secure the nomination for said office." Mr. Strassheim was born in Hesse Darmstadt in the year 1851. Came to this country with his parents in 1856; came to Chicago in 1858, and has resided on the North Side ever since. Was educated in the public schools;

on both sides without anything definite to build upon. Never before in the history of Cook County politics have so many aspirants appeared on the field ready and willing to serve the people. The strongest fight with both Democrats and Republicans will be made for County Treasurer. On the Republican side the name of C. Strassheim is being prominently put forward, and his friends claim for him that he is showing more strength among business men of all classes than any of the other candidates yet mentioned.

"The party that is wise enough to break away from the machine and nominate good, clean men, who have not been mixed up in these dirty schemes, will win in Cook County this fall," said a prominent member of the State Republican Central Committee, to-day. "People are getting sick and tired of having the same old names mentioned every year and want men for public offices who have not been connected with some official political skulduggery for their own advancement. Every year finds these same men looking for places on the public payrolls. They rotate from office to office. One year they are in the city government and the next in the county. Occasionally they break into the Federal building, and then they come back to sponge a living in the City Hall. One party is as bad as another. Republicans and Democrats, they are all alike. The party that breaks loose from this custom will get the support of the majority of the people this fall, and judging from the present outlook, the Democrats are appreciating the situation and paying more heed to it than are the Republicans."

The Cook County McKinley Club is the name of a new organization being formed. Magnus A. Hess, No. 195 Washington street, is the Secretary.

For the accommodation of visitors to West Baden and French Lick Springs the Monon Route will run a sleeping car to the Springs every Saturday night, beginning Saturday, June 2, and returning every Sunday night.

In the supervision of such an important interest as the public school system of our county, it is important that the general public welfare ever predominate over the conflicting claims of any class or special interests. In Mr. Henry D. Hatch, as County Superintendent of Schools, we would have a man liberal-minded, in fact as well as profession, who in a spirit of "charity for all, and malice toward none," would ever seek

the greatest good for the greatest number, never forgetful of the constitutional rights of any person.

Hon. W. W. Wheelock, of the Third Senatorial District, who made one of the best Representatives that have ever served the people of that district, will be unanimously renominated by his party this fall. He is a young man of rare ability, and made a record in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly that few men are capable of doing at his age.

Chris Strassheim is making a persistent but quiet fight for the nomination for County Treasurer, and keen observers are watching his work with much interest. He has been a life-long Republican and a working member of the party, and in this, his first request for recognition, every Republican in Cook County will certainly sympathize.

Thoughtful Republicans are paying as much attention to the necessity of securing a strong candidate for County Judge this fall as to any other feature of the campaign. It is essential that the party's candidate for County Judge should not only be a sterling Republican but should have a recognized character for fairness and probity and the requisite ability as a lawyer to adorn the bench of the County Court. The friends of John R. Parker, of the Twelfth Ward, claim that he fills this bill to a nicety and he is at present the leading candidate. Others who are prominently mentioned are: Chas. B. Obermeyer, Geo. Edmund Foss, Farlin Q. Ball, Orrin R. Carter, and Chas. G. Neely. Among a large number of politicians, as well as the people of the West Division, Mr. Parker is popular, and as the Twelfth Ward, the largest Republican ward in the city, will come into the convention solid for him he will be a strong candidate, as there is a disposition to give the Twelfth Ward what it wants, if the unusually large aggregation of statesmen who live in it can ever agree on what they do want. In this case they have agreed on Mr. Parker, and as Parker will have more or less strength in the convention from every ward in the city it is more than probable he will be the nominee. He is a gentleman of unlimited wealth, and unless we miss our guess will be a hard man to beat.

For the Republican nomination for Sheriff it is said that Wm. T. Ball, the popular North Town Assessor, could have the nomination for the asking. It is claimed, however, that he does not care for the place, but will aid James Pease, who is now assured the nomination. Strassheim is in the lead for County Treasurer, and

John R. Parker for County Judge. The fight for County Clerk will not be so complicated as it might seem at first. S. W. Riderburg, who is being urged by the Scandinavians, will get that place on the ticket. He has opponents in Dan Healy and others, but Riderburg will undoubtedly be the choice of the convention. Henry Edoehr, who was mentioned for the place, realizing that the nomination will go to the West Side, and knowing Riderburg's strength (who has a clutch), has withdrawn from the race, and it is claimed now he has taken off his coat in Riderburg's interest, so as to get a front seat in the band wagon.

John H. Hanrahan, Vice Grand Master and Organizer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and a resident of the South Side, is a Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fifth District. He has the backing of his union and labor organizations generally. The employees of the street surface roads of the South Side have issued a strong pronouncement in his favor. He is likely to prove a strong candidate. Charles E. Piper, of Cicero, will likely be the Republican nominee of the district.

The new West Park Board members ought to get out their little brushes and shovels now and clean up the drives and plant nice, new flowers in diamond-shaped plots. They should also keep off the grass.

The friends of Mr. Charles Gross, of the Thirty-second Ward, are urging him to make the race for Sheriff on the Republican side.

Some of the Republican leaders who laid out a slate for the coming county convention more than a year ago will find that they are not so deeply in it as they may think they are. The factions in the party are by no means united. There is a pulling and hauling which does not augur well for a harmonious convention.

The newly appointed commissioners took their seats at the meeting of the West Park Board Tuesday afternoon. Ex-Commissioner Garvey was present and, after the board had been called to order by President Moll, introduced his successor, Charles J. Vopicka, in a cordial manner. Ex-Commissioner Blount introduced his successor, J. Milton Oliver. Ex-Commissioners Townsend and Brodowski were not present, and their successors, Harvey Weeks and Edward Uhllein, took their seats without a formal introduction. The Secretary announced that he had been notified by the County Clerk that the bonds of the newly appointed members had been approved and were on file. President Moll announced that the reorganization of the board was in order, and Commissioner Oliver was unanimously chosen Auditor. The standing committees were named by the President as follows:

Finance—President Moll, Harvey Weeks, A. J. Graham.  
Judiciary—A. J. Graham, J. Milton Oliver, W. S. Bogie.  
Improvement—Edward Uhllein, Charles J. Vopicka, W. S. Bogie.  
Subdivision—J. Milton Oliver, Harvey Weeks, Charles J. Vopicka.

The committees were approved, and the board proceeded with the routine business.

Dr. F. M. Stringfield, of 4301 Cottage Grove avenue, a wealthy and well-known South Side physician, is desirous, it is said, of contesting Congressional honors with Congressman Aldrich in the First District. Dr. Stringfield is a sterling Democrat, and should he make the race Aldrich will have no "cake walk," as Stringfield has plenty of the "sneaks of war" and will go into the battle expecting to use lots of "ammunition."

Mr. George Bartholomew, the stalwart Republican and well known Thirteenth Ward dealer in boots and shoes at 965 Lake street, will probably be nominated for County Commissioner, as the leaders of the ward have pronounced for him.

While in Chicago recently Secretary of State W. H. Hinrichsen talked quite freely to a representative of THE EAGLE. In regard to the apportionment fight he said: "Will the Democrats win the fight? I should say they would. The Republicans would give anything if they could get out of the mess they have gotten themselves into, but they can't. Judge Creighton's decision is clear cut, forcible and clearly constitutional, and the best legal advisers all over the State concede that he is right, and that the Legislature in making the apportionment of 1893 acted clearly within constitutional limits, exercising only such legislative discretion as is clearly permissible. But even if the Republicans win, which is almost impossible, the Supreme Court will have to upset the apportionment law of 1892 with the same decision that will declare that of 1893 unconstitutional, and this will give the Legislature to the Democrats by a still larger majority than will that of 1893. It is true that under the apportionment

of 1872 Cook County would have but twenty-one representatives and seven senators—twenty-eight in all, but for this Chicago, if the Republicans succeed, will have the Republican managers to blame and not the Democrats. However, I see no danger of this. The apportionment of 1893 will stand, and under it the Democrats can easily hold the legislature by a good working majority and elect a United States Senator to succeed Mr. Culom." Mr. Hinrichsen was in a fine humor. He had come to Chicago with a proxy in his inside pocket to attend the secret meeting of the executive body of the Democratic State Central Committee and manifested much faith in political results this fall. On the question of the advisability of the Democratic State Convention nominating a candidate for United States Senator as it did four years ago, he said: "I am in favor of such nomination and I believe the party throughout the State is of the same mind generally. Of course some oppose it. It will help us in the contest to make a strong nomination. Then the people will know what our principal aim and object is. It will unite factions and bring all sections of the party closer together. The State committee has taken the following stand:

"Resolved, That inasmuch as the propriety of nominating a candidate for the United States Senate to the State convention has been extensively agitated throughout the State, it is suggested by county conventions to consider the expediency or in expediency of such a course, and instruct their delegates accordingly."

"The county conventions held so far," continued Mr. Hinrichsen, "indicate, I think, that a majority of some thousand odd delegates that will assemble in the Democratic convention at Springfield on June 27 will favor making a nomination. Cook County's action will have much weight, but no one need be too sure what the Chicago convention will do on the subject when it convenes on June 12." "Will Governor Altgeld be a candidate for United States Senator?" "Under no circumstances," replied Mr. Hinrichsen. "He is devoting himself strictly to the work of his office and will have nothing to do with it. His health is greatly improved and the future of his administration looks exceedingly bright." Mr. Hinrichsen stated also that Superintendent of Public Instruction Raab would not be a candidate for State Treasurer under any circumstances. He had so declared and the Secretary of State had ample reason, he said, for believing that Mr. Raab would refuse to accept a nomination if tendered him. From Mr. Hinrichsen and others who came in to attend the executive committee meeting, it appears that if the Cook County delegation indorses a strong German-American of this city for State Treasurer, he will be accepted by the Democratic State convention, and that, if not, the State ticket may be made up as follows:

For State Treasurer—Ben Warren, of Peoria.  
For Superintendent of Public Instruction—David Felmy, of Normal, or T. S. Clendenin, of Cairo.

The Executive Committee of the State Republican League met Monday at the Grand Pacific Hotel to select delegates to the national convention of the league, which meets in Denver on June 26. There were present at the meeting ex-Lieutenant Governor L. R. Ray, chairman of the Executive Committee; W. W. Tracey, President of the National League; Peyton Roberts, of Monmouth, Ill.; General J. H. Clarke, of the Republican State Central Committee; Charles Page Bryan, of Elmhurst; Charles A. Raymond, of Waukegan; A. J. Lester, of Springfield; J. R. B. VanCleave, E. J. Judd, and others. When the committee was called to order President Tracey spoke briefly on the importance of the national convention at Denver. He said Ohio, Indiana, and other States would have Presidential delegations there and Illinois must not be outdone. He suggested that nobody be named as a delegate who will not attend the convention. Mr. Judd made a speech to the same effect, and predicted that the Republicans will carry Illinois this fall and elect the next President. Mr. Tracey said it was desired to make the national convention a great success for the beneficial effect it will have on the political situation in Colorado. On motion, it was decided to give half the fourteen delegates-at-large to Cook County.

The committee named seven delegates-at-large from Cook County, as follows: Geo. S. Willis, Chas. A. Gordon, J. R. Tanner, W. J. Campbell, Wm. Lorimer, R. L. Martin, Arthur Dixon. The remaining dele-

gates-at-large are as follows: D. S. Berry, Savannah, Ill.; Charles P. Bryan, Eighth Congressional District; Colonel W. S. Diston, Twelfth District; Senator Shelby M. Cullom, ex-Governor J. W. Fifer, H. S. Clark, and T. M. Eckley, of McLeansboro. The following delegates were then selected from the Congressional districts:

First—A. S. Clarke, C. H. Dalton, C. Deneen, J. R. Terhune.  
Second—J. L. Monaghan, Q. J. Chott, E. J. Maerstedt, James Hogan.  
Third—J. N. Cunningham, August Schiller, R. H. Parker, Charles Nagel.  
Fourth—M. R. Powers, R. M. Baaley, E. H. Fosse, G. E. Foss.  
Fifth—J. G. Copier, W. W. Sherwin, Col. Wm. Avery, W. J. Stuck.  
Sixth—H. H. Fodick, Mayer Newcomer, C. Ebbesen, James Conley.  
Seventh—T. H. Bethes, J. W. White, H. C. Ward, J. E. Lewis.  
Eighth—T. S. Platt, Edward Aiken, T. S. Rogers, R. C. Hull.  
Ninth—E. C. Curtis, G. W. Patton, D. Haddock, Robert Caldwell.  
Tenth—J. C. Edwards, W. G. Eden, — Foster, C. H. Edwards.  
Eleventh—W. W. Porter, Dr. E. L. McKinnie, Peyton Roberts.  
Twelfth—Homer Tice, John Ayers, W. B. Ridgely, J. M. Hamilton.  
Thirteenth—H. Sherman, J. A. Striling, E. O'Connell, M. T. Kannan.  
Fourteenth—George Hoffman, R. McCawley, T. W. Scott, W. A. Massett.  
Fifteenth—William Sewarth, George Turner, Albert Campbell, Charles Austin.  
Sixteenth—J. H. Miller, General C. W. Pavay, C. W. Lyon, Judge Robert Bell.  
Seventeenth—Walter Warder, Cairo.  
Eighteenth—F. K. Robinson, Judge Thompson, Danville H. Hallack, C. G. Eckart.

The Secretary was authorized to correspond with the clubs in the Congressional districts not represented and complete the delegation. The committee changed the date of the State convention of the league clubs from Aug. 9 to Sept. 5. It will be held at Springfield and will be the formal opening of the State campaign.

It is conceded by the Republican managers that S. W. Riderburg, the present Deputy County Clerk, has the lead for the nomination for Henry Wulff's present position. The Scandinavians must have strong representation on the ticket. Recently the Swedes have been dropping over to the Democrats, principally because they have been ignored, and it will probably be considered poor Republican politics to ignore them any further. When C. R. Matson was in the Sheriff's office the Republicans flourished in this vicinity. S. W. Riderburg is one of the most popular politicians in the Republican ranks. He is a Swedish-American, and one that his race is justly proud of.

During the past week there has been much earnest talk among the leading Democrats of nominating ex-City Treasurer Bernhard Roesing for County Treasurer. His great strength among the best citizens of Cook County is in his favor, and it is a well-known fact that when he ran for City Treasurer it was by Mr. Roesing's efforts that Cregier was elected Mayor, and it was Roesing's tact, management, money, and hard, determined work that carried the whole ticket to victory.

Mr. Daniel G. Gerst, a bright young attorney, has the support of the Republican leaders in the Eleventh Senatorial District for the Legislature. Mr. Gerst has the ability and force of character to make a useful member of the next assembly.

Mr. Felix Lang, the well-known stalwart North Side Democrat, residing at 496 Sedgwick street, will probably be nominated for County Commissioner.

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